

Message from the Chief December 14, 2012

Dear Tempe Police Employees,

Today Jose Luis Marquez received a sentence of life in prison for the first degree murder of 21 year old Kyleigh Sousa. Marquez will be 47 years old before he is eligible for parole.

Virtually every Tempe Police Department employee has been involved in some way with achieving justice in this case, from our initial response to the calls for service at the IHOP at Apache and College on May 26, 2010, to the sentencing handed down by the Court today.

We reached out then to our community in many ways, including through the media to tell the horrific story...that as Kyleigh was walking near the IHOP with a friend, Marquez grabbed her purse and began to drive away, despite the fact that Kyleigh was still tangled in the purse strap. She died as a result of the injuries sustained in the robbery.

We received hundreds of tips from the community. For two and a half years, the Tempe PD Investigative Team's commitment to identify, locate, and bring Kyleigh's killer to justice never wavered.

Kyleigh's family asked that we pass on their gratitude to the men and women of the Tempe Police Department for apprehending and convicting the man who so callously killed their daughter and sister.

Thank you to those of you on the investigation team who worked every complex aspect of this investigation with unwavering diligence and professionalism. As Tempe Police employees, you know what it is to serve long hours, spending time away from your own families...so that families in our community will be safe.

Thank you for all you do...keep safe.

Sincerely,

Tom